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Chile Project (#S199900006)

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TAGS: CI, SCUL, PDIP

SUBJECT: SCHOOL SHIP ESMERALDA

1. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE PROTESTS ARE BEING MADE HERE ABOUT PARTICIPATION OF ESMERALDA IN OPERATION SAIL. PROTESTS ARE BASED ON IAHRC REPORT ON CHILE. REPORT STATES THAT ESMERALDA WAS USED TO HOUSE AND INTERROGATE PRISONERS IN THE DAYS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 1973 COUP.

2. CHILEAN EMBASSY AND CAPTAIN OF THE ESMERALDA HAVE CATEGORICALLY DENIED CHARGES.

3. ON THE BASIS OF ALL THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO YOU -ON WHICH YOU CAN NOW OBTAIN, WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT BEST ESTIMATE OF THE REAL FACTS REGARDING THESE CHARGES? KISSINGER

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